

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 27-33 are in the case.

I. RESTRICTION

In response to the restriction requirement, Group II is hereby elected. This election is made with traverse.

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

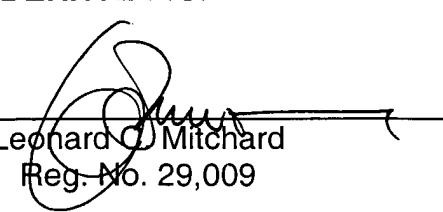
Claims 1-25 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 26 has been cancelled without prejudice and replaced by new claims 27-33 which are directed to a polymeric material comprising a compressed assembly of melt formed fibers of a cross-linked oriented polyolefin. These claims are supported by the originally filed application, and were presented for examination in parent application Serial No. 09/971,710, filed October 9, 2001, now abandoned.

Further action on this application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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